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#### REQUEST FOR COMPLETE OFFICE ACTION

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Office Action dated February 10, 2005.

Applicants request that the Office Action be corrected or supplemented to respond to applicants' arguments against the rejection of claims 40-42 and against the rejection of claims 45 and 46.

### Applicants' Traversal of Claim Rejections is not Addressed

In the first Office Action dated June 10, 2004, claims 30-39, 43-44, and 47-56 were rejected as being anticipated by Armbruster (GB2310973), dependent claims 40-42 were separately rejected as being obvious in view of Armbruster (see part 4 on pages 9-11), and claims 45 and 46 were separately rejected as being obvious in view of Armbruster in view of Prudhomme et al (USP 5634209) (see part 5 on pages 11-12). In the Response dated September 10, 2004, applicants submitted separate arguments for each of the rejections. In particular, applicants submitted separate argument on pages 3-4 of the Response traversing the obviousness rejection of claims 40-42 and separate arguments on page 4 of the Response traversing the obviousness rejection of claims 45 and 46.

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The currently outstanding second Office Action dated February 10, 2005 included a new grounds of rejection for claims 30-39, 43-44 and 47-56 that relied upon a newly cited reference (Schmid et al) in addition to Armbruster (see part 3). The Office Action also repeats verbatim the separate obviousness rejections of dependent claims 40-42 and of dependent claims 45 and 46 (see parts 4 and 5).

The current Office Action states that applicant's arguments with respect to claims 30-56 are most in view of the new grounds of rejection (see part 1). However, Applicants' separate arguments against the obviousness rejection of claims 40-42 and against the obviousness rejection of claims 45 and 46 have not been rendered most. The obviousness rejections of dependent claims 40-42 and of claims 45 and 46 have remained unchanged in the presently outstanding Office Action, do not rely upon the newly cited reference, and still rely upon the same grounds.

Applicants argued in the Response to the first Office Action that the obviousness rejection of claims 40-42 failed to "establish why one of ordinary skill in the art would single out RS-232 or USB buses, or CEPT-E1 connection rather than some other type of hard-wired or RF link, other than the hindsight provided by this application" (see pages 2-3). Applicants separately argued in the Response to the first Office Action that the obviousness rejection of claims 45 and 46 failed to "point out where Prudhomme provides the motivation to modify Armbruster in the manner proposed in the rejection." Applicants further argued that "the overwhelming teaching of Prudhomme is of providing an improved antenna (see col. 1, line 11, to col. 6, line 20), but the rejection ignores this, never comments on the antennas, and makes a selective, hindsight, combination of other parts of Prudhomme to reject the claims" (see page 4). Applicants are still left at a loss about if and why the obviousness rejection of claims 40-42 and the obviousness rejection of claims 45 and 46 are believed to be proper (or whether applicants' arguments were considered at all) and thus the Office Action fails to advance the prosecution of this application.

MPEP 707.07(f) entitled "Answer All Material Traversed" includes Form Paragraph 7.38 used in the part 1 of the outstanding Office Action. The note to Form Paragraph 7.38 states that the Examiner "must address any arguments presented by the applicant which are still relevant to any reference being applied." As explained above, applicants' arguments on dependent claims

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40-42 and dependent claims 45 and 46 are still relevant because the same references are being applied and the same rejection is still being made.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Office Action is incomplete for these reasons and request that the Office Action be supplemented or corrected to address the above matters.

Applicants also request that the response period be reset from the mailing date of any such supplemental or corrected Office Action. MPEP 710.06.

Please charge any fees due in connection with the filing of this Request, to Deposit Account No. 02-4270 (Dkt. No. 6173-4006US) and please credit any overpayment or excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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